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SUBJECT: SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED APRIL 22
SEVERAL REASSIGNMENTS OF SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS:

O.G. STONER, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT SINCE
1969, WILL BE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND
COMMERCE, REPLACING J.F. GRANDY.

SYLVAIN CLOUTIER, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE SINCE
1971 WILL REPLACE STONER AT TRANSPORT.

J.A. MACDONALD, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,
WILL BE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.

JEAN BOUCHER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE SINCE 1973,
REPLACES MACDONALD IN PUBLIC WORKS.

JEAN LUPIEN, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
ENVIRONMENT WILL BE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH.

WILLIAM BRITTAIN, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS, BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER FOR THAT
DEPARTMENT

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2. ALTHOUGH TRANSPORT MIN MARCHAND LAST YEAR CALLED CANADIAN TRANSPORT POLICY A "MESS" AND ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION OF DEVISING A NEW GLOBAL POLICY (SEE A-211, APRIL 10), STONER IS NOT REGARDED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITUATION WHICH PRODUCED THIS CHARACTERIZATION. A FREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, REPORTEDLY HE CAME TO THE JOB IN 1969 WITH AN ASSURANCE FROM TRUDEAU OF 5-YEARS' TENURE TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT ORGANIZATION IN MOT AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BE MOVING ON. CLOUTIER IS KNOWN AS A THOUGHT, DYNAMIC ADMINISTRATOR, WHICH IS NOT STONER'S REPUTATION. STONER IS AN EASY-GOING, FRIENDLY PERSON WHOM WE HAVE FOUND WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE US.

3. NO SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN NAMED FOR CLOUTIER. IT IS POSSIBLE HOWEVER THAT ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER DAVID KIRKWOOD, WHO FILLED IN FOR CLOUTIER, DURING LATTER'S TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AND ILLNESS LAST YEAR, MAY BE CHOSEN. KIRKWOOD WILL PROBABLY AGAIN BE ACTING. HE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MANY WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US.
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